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October 17th, 1917

The Honourable the Secretary of State,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:

Owing to the death of Dr. Brodie, who was on military service, and the removal of Dr. Macallum from the University to the Chairmanship of the Advisory Council of Scientific and Industrial Research the University finds itself in extremely difficult circumstances in regard to the teaching of Physiology. We have, however, secured the services of Miss Alcuitred C. Cullis of the Royal College of Medicine for Women in London, England, for a period of four months beginning January 1918. Miss Cullis will come to us only on condition that she will be able to secure a return to England when her work is completed in the University next spring. Before she comes to us she has asked that I should guarantee her being able to get a return passage. Might I ask you to be good enough to secure for us permission for the return of Miss Cullis when her work is concluded here? I may state that the condition in which we find ourselves is due to the war service that the University has been rendering.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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February 28th, 1918

The Honourable the Secretary of State,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Last year the University of Toronto appointed Miss F. Bickmans of London, England, to a position in the Department of Household Science of the University of Toronto. Owing, however, to the regulations forbidding women to leave England she was not able to take up her appointment with us for this session and the result has been that we have been greatly handicapped in our work. We are extremely anxious to have Miss Bickmans on our staff for the next session, that is to say, beginning September 1918, because it has been almost impossible to get suitable teachers. Already we have one from the United States and it is doubtful whether we can secure another. I should be very much obliged to you if you would take up with the British authorities the matter of securing permission for Miss Bickmans to accept our appointment and to leave England in time to be here in September.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 19th, 1918

Sir Joseph Pope,

Under Secretary of State,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir Joseph:

I am sending you the passport of Miss Winifred C. Cullis to be vised. Miss Cullis came out from the Women's Medical College of London, England, at the end of last December on the invitation of the University of Toronto to deliver lectures in Physiology to the medical students, as the head of our Department of Physiology, Dr. Fromin, died during the year on active service.

Miss Cullis wishes to return to England about the end of this month to resume her duties as head of the Department of Physiology in the London Women's Medical College, as her duties there begin again on the first of May.

She wishes to return by a fast steamer and thought perhaps she could get passage on the "Baltic" which sails from New York the end of April. If, however, there is any chance of the "Olympic" sailing from Canada within the next fortnight she would prefer to return on the "Olympic" as she came out on this steamer in December.

Will you be kind enough to do what you can to facilitate the return of Miss Cullis, and return the passport early next week, in case Miss Cullis wishes to leave for New York if the "Olympic" is not sailing from Canada ?

Yours sincerely,